## Children and Young Person's Handbook

EASY ENGLISH



This Handbook outlines our approach to NDIS Standards

#### **Section 1 Policy and Rights**

# Your Rights This document tells you about your rights.



**Australian laws** respect the rights of people with disability. The laws say you:

- should be included in community life, and
- have the same rights as all other Australians.



#### What are your human rights?



#### You should be:

- safe in your home and anywhere else
- treated with **respect**
- part of your cultural community.



<ul> <li>All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd will:</li> <li>keep you safe</li> <li>show you respect and respect your privacy</li> <li>treat you well</li> <li>help you make your own choices</li> <li>listen to you</li> <li>involve your family, advocate and other support carers (if you want us to).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>We will also:         <ul> <li>ask you to tell us what supports</li> <li>you want and the type of</li> <li>worker you need</li> <li>keep your personal information private.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
We can also help you find an advocate if you need one.



You can safely:

- make complaints and provide feedback to us
- please tell us if you want to use another provider.



We will **follow your instructions** unless we feel that you may get hurt.

We will then talk to you and your advocate/family about any risks to help you make a safe decision.



We also make sure our support workers follow our Service Code of Conduct.

Advocacy	
8	This document will help you understand advocacy and who an advocate is.
₹ŢV	Advocacy is when a person publicly helps to promote, provide and protect your human rights
	Advocacy can help your voice be heard and your wishes met.  Advocacy can be used to help you become part of your community
	Sometimes you might find it hard to say what you want. You might want someone to:  • support you  • speak up for you  • be your voice.
	An advocate can be that person.  An advocate is someone who provides a public voice for you if you cannot or do not want to speak up for yourself.



	Importantly, your advocate can represent you and speak on your behalf.
	Your advocate can help you make a complaint if you are not happy with:  • supports provided  • the way you have been treated.
	Your advocate can speak for you and tell us how you have been mistreated.  They will help us understand the support and assistance you need.
×	Your advocate must keep your information <b>private</b> .
?	Not sure how to find an advocate?
M	Talk to the Owner at All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd. Call: [insert phone number] They will help you find an advocate.

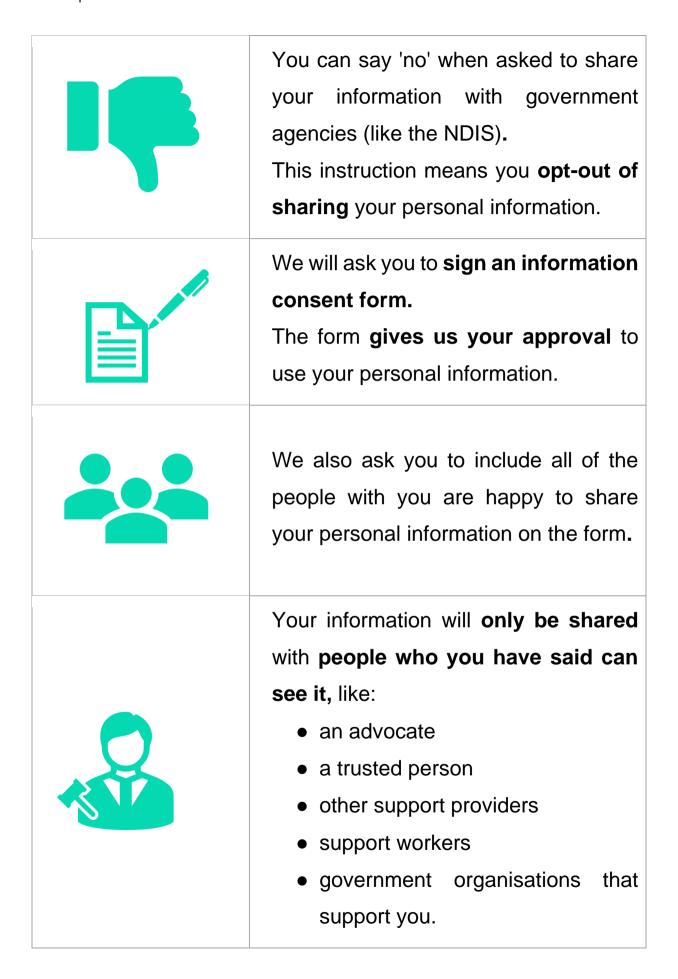


Our Owner can also help you go online to use **the NDIS Disability Advocacy**<u>Finder</u>

#### **Privacy and Your Personal Information**

This document tells you about your privacy and your personal information.
To help us provide you with the proper support and services, we collect and store personal information about you.
We use your personal information to work with you to design supports and care that meets your needs.

<ul> <li>Personal information can include:</li> <li>your name, address and phone number</li> <li>your advocate's contact details</li> <li>details about people who you are close to (mum, brother or a good friend)</li> <li>supports you need</li> <li>your medical records</li> <li>other support providers you use</li> <li>why and how we are helping you.</li> </ul>
It is All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd 's responsibility to keep your personal information private and safe.
We <b>only share</b> your information with others if <b>you say "yes</b> " or if the law says we must.





You have rights when it comes to the management of your personal information.



#### You can:

- ask our Owner to see your personal information at anytime
- tell us to correct wrong or incomplete information
- tell us if you think the information is wrong and must be deleted
- be part of our policy and practice development by telling management how we work with you.

Complaints and Feedback	
8	This document tells you how to make a complaint or give feedback
	All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd wants you to give us feedback or make a complaint if you are unhappy.
<b>İ</b>	It is okay to complain if you are not happy. Tell us when you are upset about:  • the supports you received • your support workers • All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd.
	If you do not feel comfortable telling us about your complaint, you should tell someone you trust like your:  • mum or dad • brother or sister • support worker.  Ask them to help you make a complaint.

Or you can get help from a professional, independent advocate to make a complaint or provide feedback to us.
We can <b>help you find</b> an advocate if you want.  Ask your Clinician or Admin to help you.  Call them on 07 3262 6009.
How do you make a complaint or provide feedback to us?
You can talk to:  • your support coordinator  • our Complaints Manager  • the Owner.
You can call or email our Complaints  Manager directly:  • Call: 07 3262 6009  • Email: complaints@allaboutkids.com.au



You can fill out the **Complaints and Feedback Form** and mail it to the
Complaints Manager:

11A, 13 Norman Street, Wooloowin QLD 4030 Ask the Complaints Manager or your support worker for a copy of the form.



You can fill in the participant survey we send to you every year.



You can make a complaint at any time directly to the NDIS Commission:

Call: 1800 03 55 44

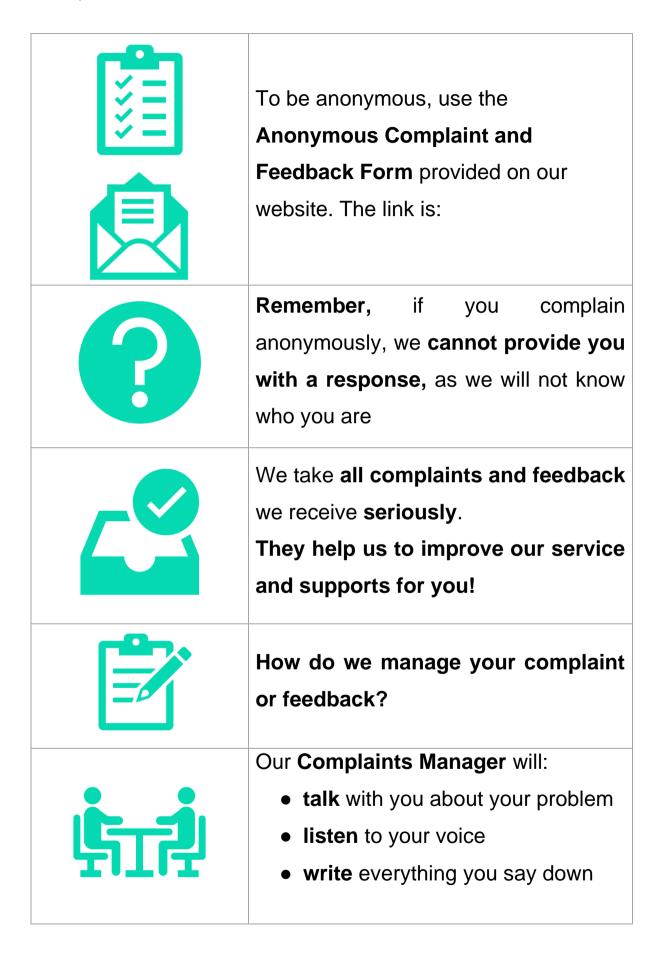
Or go to their website:

www.ndiscommission.gov.au



You can make a **complaint and** remain anonymous.

Anonymous means we will not know who you are.



	• plan to fix your problem with your
	input.
	Complaints Manager will:
	<ul> <li>try to fix your problem</li> </ul>
) L	• contact you regularly to tell you
	how the issue is being fixed.
	To keep you safe, if your complaint or
	feedback involves someone being put
	in danger of being hurt, we will tell the
	police and the NDIS.
×	We keep everything you tell us privately.
	If you are unhappy with the way we
	handle your feedback or complaint, you
( )	can tell the NDIS Commission:
	• Call: <b>1800 03 55 44</b> (free call from
	a landline)
	Go to their website:
	www.ndiscommission.gov.au

#### **Conflict of Interest**

8	This document explains what a conflict of interest is and what All About Kids does to manage them
	A conflict of interest is when a staff member's interests are different to <i>All About Kid</i> 's or your best interests
	Our staff should always do what is best for you and <i>All About Kids</i> .
	Our staff's interests are called <b>private</b> interests
	<ul> <li>A private interest can be:         <ul> <li>direct – something owned by the person</li> <li>indirect – something owned by a family member or a close friend.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	A private interest can also be:  • financial – getting money from it

	<ul> <li>non-financial – builds personal</li> </ul>
	relationships in the community or
	with friends and family.
	It is <b>okay</b> for staff to have a conflict of
	interest, as long as they tell All
	About Kids.
	We can <b>then decide</b> what to <b>do</b> about
	their conflict of interest to manage it.
	A conflict of interest may be:
	• actual – it happened
	• potential - it could become a
	problem
	• perceived – it seems like a
	conflict but is okay as long as it is
	monitored.
	A conflict of interest is wrong when a
	staff member uses it to get more than
	they should for themselves or their
	friends.
	A conflict of interest can happen if a
	staff member's close friends or
'n'n'	family become involved in work
.Ш.Ш.	decisions.

	A conflict of interest can happen if <b>a staff member gets extra money</b> by  working for a <b>different company</b> at All  About Kids.
	A conflict of interest happens when our staff:  • are involved with another organisation  • encourage you to use the other Provider to receive support.
666	How does All About Kids manage a staff conflict of interest?
<b>İ</b>	We ask our <b>staff to tell us</b> (declare) their <b>conflict of interest as soon as possible.</b>
?	Our Owner assesses all staff conflicts of interest to ensure they will not severely impact our organisation or you.



We want you to <b>tell us</b> if <b>you are unhappy</b> about managing the conflict of interest.
We will work with you to try and make changes to make you happy.
Any decisions you make about your providers or supports will not impact the current supports we provide you.
Using other providers will not impact the quality of support you receive from All About Kids.
If we cannot fix the conflict of interest and you are unhappy, we may refer you to another provider
We will talk with you about this.  We will find the best way to continue receiving the support you need.



If you are referred to another provider, we will assist with your transition from our service.

Incident Management	
8	This document tells you what an incident is and how All About Kids manages them.
	There are <b>two types:</b> 1. A general incident 2. A reportable incident.
	<ul> <li>A general incident is when:</li> <li>a person causes you harm or could have caused you harm</li> <li>you hurt someone else</li> <li>you feel that someone is going to hurt you.</li> </ul>
	A reportable incident is when one of the following happens: <ul> <li>a death</li> <li>a serious injury</li> <li>harm</li> <li>neglect</li> <li>sexual misconduct</li> <li>unregulated use of restrictive practices.</li> </ul>
	If your worker believes you have been harmed or may be at risk of being

	harmed, they will call the Child Safety
	Reporting Line to protect you.
	If you are involved in an incident, you
	must immediately tell our Owner,
	your support worker or a trusted
	person.
	Our Owner will meet with you to
	record what was said and done during
	the incident.
	Our Owner will ask you:
<b>İ</b> Tİ	<ul><li>what happened</li></ul>
	• the names of <b>people who saw</b> the
	incident
	• when you told someone about
	the incident (date and time)
	<ul> <li>details of the person you told</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>how the incident affected you</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>what could be done to stop the</li> </ul>
	incident from happening again.
	Your <b>safety is important</b> to us.
	After an incident, we will provide
	support or assistance to help you
	recover from the incident.

	<ul> <li>We will support you by:</li> <li>fixing the incident quickly</li> <li>helping you look after your</li> <li>health and wellbeing (where we</li> </ul>
	can).
?	We will regularly keep you up to date with managing the incident.
	<ul> <li>The Owner will contact you to:</li> <li>talk about what happened</li> <li>tell you what actions we will take to fix the incident</li> <li>explain to you what steps have already been taken</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>We will ask for your:</li> <li>feedback and thoughts on how we are fixing the problem</li> <li>ideas about any changes that could help you in the future.</li> </ul>
	Our Owner investigates the incident to work out what happened and stop it from happening again.

	We then complete a review of the incident to improve our service by:  • learning what happened  • making changes to stop it from happening again.
	Some changes we might make could be to:  • change our practices • change our policies • retrain our staff.
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	A reportable incident is when you or another participant are badly hurt or mistreated.
National Disability Insurance Scheme	If a reportable incident happens, All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd must tell the NDIS Commission and the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs.

	We must complete an NDIS Reportable Incident Form.  1. Immediate Notification Form 2. 5-Day Notification Form
	All About Kids must send the form to the NDIS Commission using the NDIS portal.
?	The NDIS Commission reviews the incident.  They will tell us if we need to take any further action.
	We will update you on the NDIS  Commission's findings, including any actions we must take
×	We keep everything you tell us privately.
	If you are unhappy with the way we handle your incident, you can tell the NDIS Commission:  • Call: 1800 03 55 44 (free call from a landline)  • Go to their website:
	www.ndiscommission.gov.au

### Zero Tolerance – Harm, Risk of Harm, Violence, <u>Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation</u>



This document tells you how *All About*Kids prevents or manages harm, risk of harm, neglect and exploitation.



You have **the right** to enjoy a life **free from violence**, **harm**, **neglect and exploitation**.



You should always feel safe when receiving support from us.

If you **do not feel safe**, tell your worker immediately.



Violence is when someone hurts you physically (like hitting, punching or slapping you).

	Harm is when someone mistreats you and might hurt your body or feelings.
-W-	Neglect is when someone is not caring for you or helping you how they are supposed to.
	Exploitation is when someone is taking advantage of you.
	All About Kids does not allow any acts of violence, harm, exploitation or neglect towards you.
	It is our <b>responsibility to protect you</b> and <b>keep you safe</b> .



We want you to tell us if someone hurts you or if you do not feel safe when with someone.



If you do not feel comfortable telling us, you should tell someone you trust like your:

- mum or dad
- brother or sister
- support worker.



Or you can get help from a professional, independent advocate.



We can **help you find** an advocate if you want.

Ask our Owner for help. Call 0732626009.





If you are not happy with how we are helping you tell the **NDIS** 

Commission: Call 1800 03 55 44

Go online

www.ndiscommission.gov.au

#### **Section 2 Planning and Supporting**

Planning with you	
	Your <b>voice</b> is essential for us to know how to work with you.
ĖTĖ	Please tell us about your needs and requirements.
	Your Support Plan is designed with you at the centre of all actions.
	Our staff will look at your current NDIS Plan funding to ensure that we have the services you need.
	To create your plan, we may need to talk to your family, health providers and others (with your permission)
	We will consult with you about many supports such as:  • Living skill development  • Your interests, leisure and community group involvement  • Travelling and transport needs

<ul> <li>We will consult about:</li> <li>family relationships</li> <li>cultural requirements, e.g. food,</li> <li>spiritual Identity – religious needs</li> <li>communication methods</li> </ul>
Your safety is checked:  • physical environment  • personal emergency plan tested
Your health needs are assessed:  • medical needs  • general health requirements  • high-intensity requirements  • allied health services  • comprehensive health  • vaccination support  • oral health
We look for risks so we can get rid of or reduce them

	We will <b>create</b> risk strategies with you and <b>train</b> our staff in these
	Your Support Plan is reviewed every year
<b>İ</b>	If your needs change, then we will review your plan earlier
an a	You will need to <b>sign</b> your Support Plan
	We will provide you with a <b>copy</b> of the Support Plan

Risk Assessment	
	Your safety is essential to your support
<b>İ</b> Tİ	Assessing risks to you will occur regularly.  Your risk assessment starts at your initial intake, then at least annually.
<b>4</b>	When your situation changes, we will undertake another risk assessment.
	A risk is when it is probable that a specific event or activity may lead to you or someone else being hurt.
	<ul><li>We assess risks by asking:</li><li>What could go wrong?</li><li>How often?</li><li>How bad?</li><li>Is there action needed?</li></ul>
	A strategy will be written for any risk and recorded in your Support Plan.

	We will discuss your risks and their strategies with you.
<b>ĻT</b>	If we think your activity has high real or potential risk. We will talk to you about the risks. You can agree to undertake this activity (Informed-Consent)
	Your environment is checked for:      Trips and falls     Electrical issues – cords     Hot water temperature     Medication storage     Pets     Physical environment – stairs etc
	Your emotional environment is checked to ensure the people around you are supportive and not hurting you.
1 3	We look for risks so we can get rid of or reduce them.

	We will create and train staff in your risk strategies.
<u>İ</u>	If your needs change, then we will review your risks earlier.

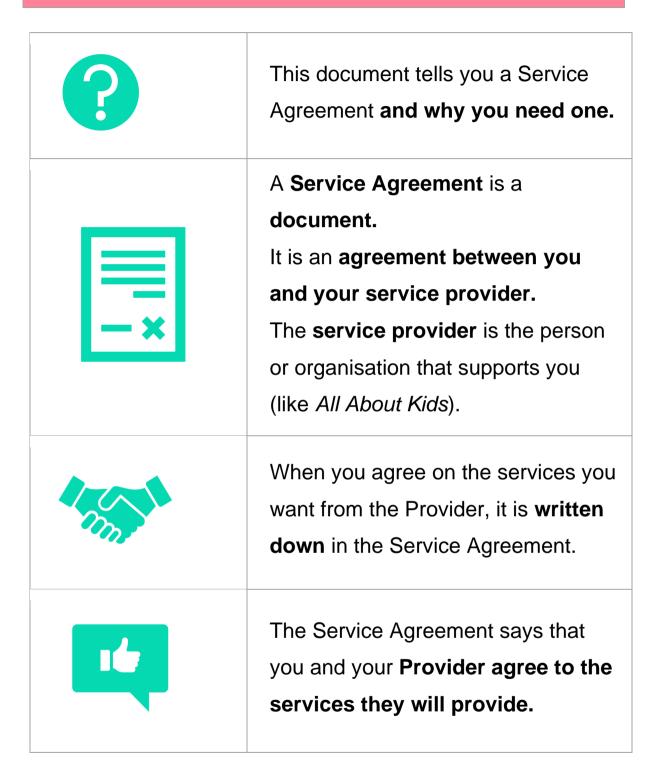
Safe Environment	
	Your safety is our priority.
	We will assess your therapy environment to make sure you are safe.
	Our checks will look at floors to help reduce your risks – trips and falls
	Our team may check <b>flooring</b> – any rips, tears or lifting flooring or rugs.
	Our checks will look for any <b>electrical</b> problems such as cords hanging or frayed
	We will make sure any <b>hot water</b> is at the right temperature to prevent you from burns or scalds
	If you have <b>pets</b> , a plan will be devised to prevent any incidents between the pet and our staff.

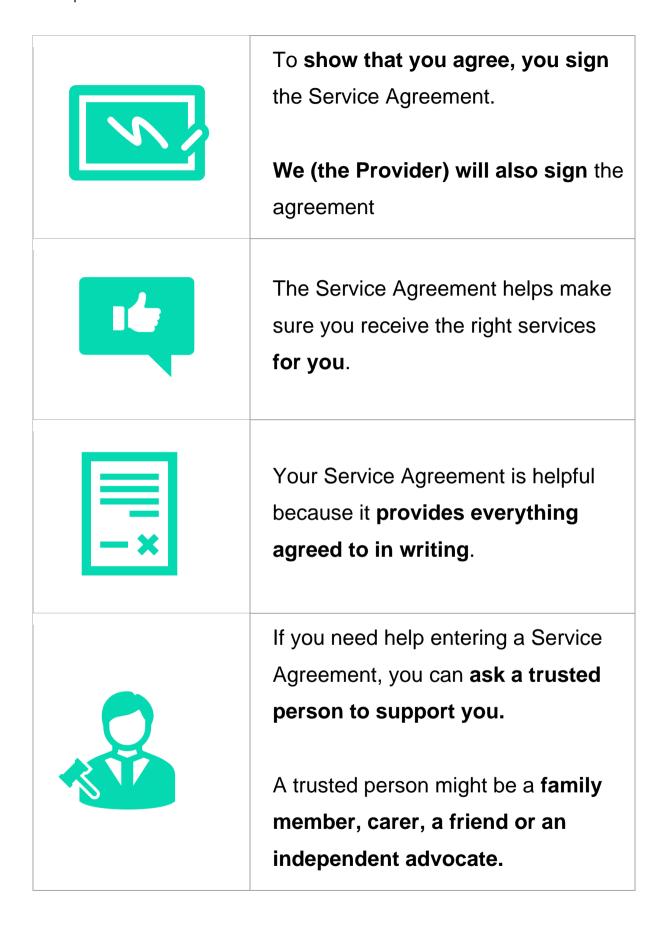
	Please do not smoke when our staff are present.
	Sometimes we may have to wear masks to stop you and us from getting sick.
	Our team will make sure that we clean to prevent germs from spreading.
	Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the toilet or blowing your nose
	To keep you safe, our team will wash their hands, and use hand sanitisers.
	If you are sick, please tell us, so we know how to manage your support.
<b>L</b>	We will talk to you at least every year about your safety.
	Talk to us any time if you are unsure or feel unsafe.

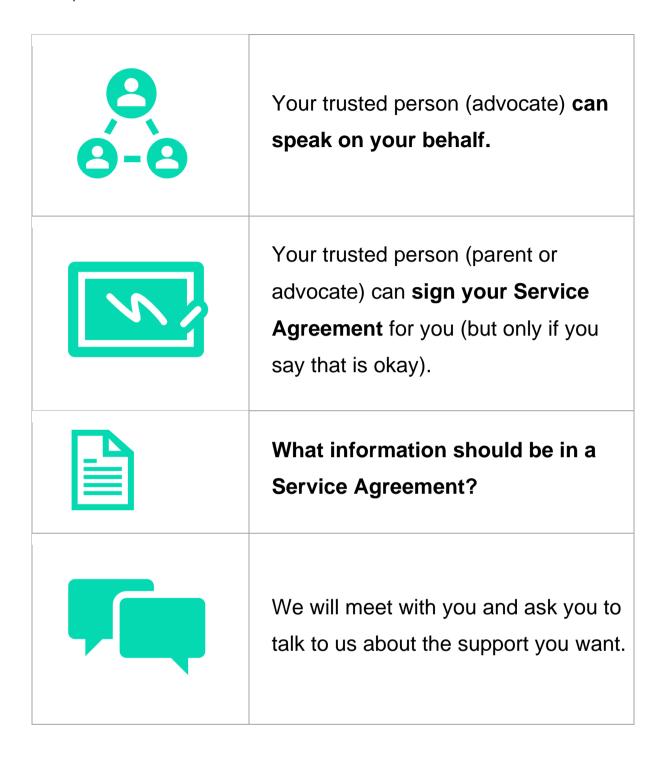
Emergency and Disaster Planning	
6-6	We will work with you to create an emergency plan.
E	Your emergency plan will reduce and get rid of any risks during an emergency or disaster.
	An emergency is any sudden, urgent, unexpected event that may cause grave risk to your health, life or environment
	A disaster can be prepared for and may cause loss of life, damage or hardship (such as fire and flood)
	Your emergency plan ensures continuous support and manages your safety needs.
	Your emergency plan reviews what is critical to your safety, health and wellbeing.

**	Your emergency plan considers planning and responding to an emergency and disaster.
	Your emergency plan will look at potential changes, adapting and rapidly responding to ensure your support.
	We will write the communication strategies for you and your network into the plan.
× = × = ×	We will <b>test</b> the emergency plan
	You can give feedback on what worked and what needs to change.
**************************************	Our management reviews all the information we gain from your test and the current situation.
	Your staff will be <b>trained</b> and know your plan and how to help you.

# **Service Agreement**









#### We want you to tell us:

- what type of support do you need
- how you want your support provided
- the type of support worker you want to work with
- when you need supports
- how long you will need the support.



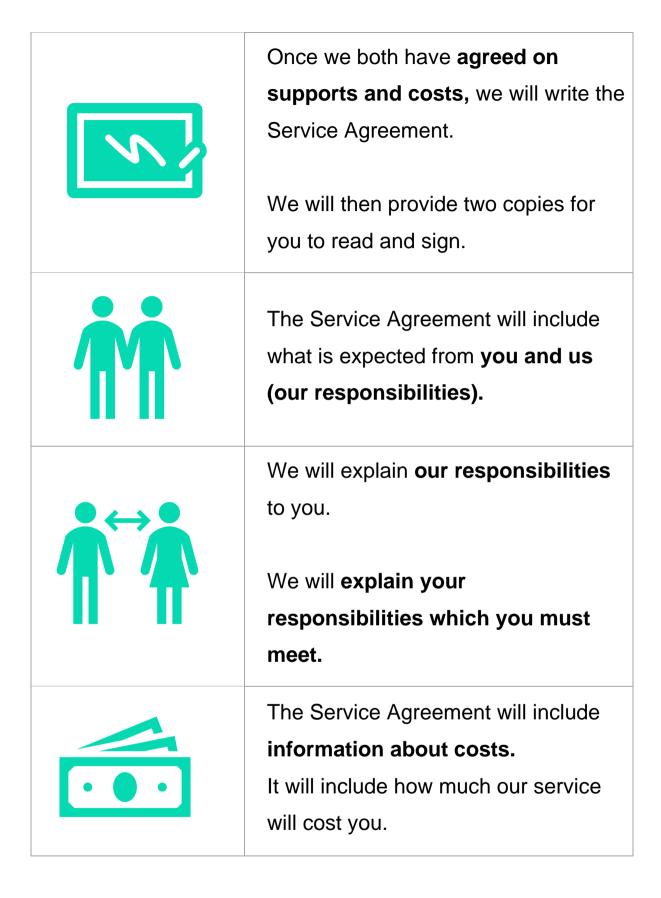
### We will talk to you about:

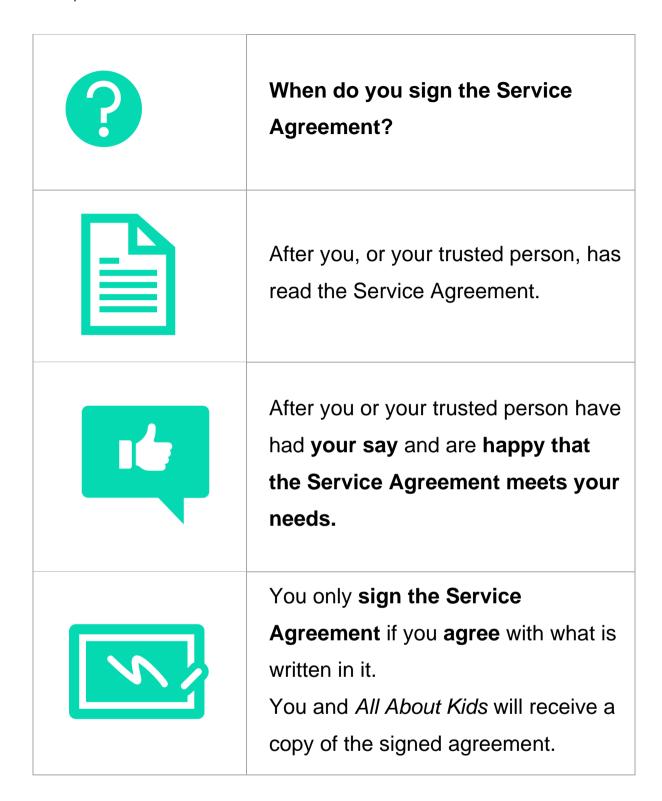
- the supports we can provide
- your rights and responsibilities
- our responsibilities
- anything special that we must consider.



It is a good idea to **bring a copy of your NDIS Plan** to your Service
Agreement meetings.

(If you want, we can put a copy of your plan in your agreement.





	You sign the agreement, and then we will sign it.
	We will <b>give you a copy</b> of your Service Agreement, and we will keep a copy in your file.
	Do not forget to keep your copy in a safe and private place.
	You can <b>change or end</b> your Service Agreement with us.
	Just talk to our Owner to change an agreement.
m	To <b>end an agreement</b> , simply <b>tell us</b> in writing (if you can).

	Please give us the <b>right amount of notice</b> (check what is written in your Service Agreement).	
	We will provide you with the support you need to leave our service.	
Property		
8	This document tells you how we will look after your <b>property</b> .	
	You are the owner of your property.  If you say it is okay, we will use your property to deliver your services.	
	We can only use yourproperty if you have agreed, which is written in your Service Agreement and Support Plan.	



You agree to our staff helping you use by completing the **Property Consent Form**.



### **Property:**

- Our staff will only use your property if needed to help deliver your services.
- You must tell us it is okay to use your property.
- We will add a list of properties used in your Support Plan.



If you want help after the Service Agreement is written, we will:

- talk to you about the support needed
- write everything in your notes.



The Owner will include the help you need in your Service Agreement and Support plan and give you an updated copy.



If you are unhappy with how we manage your money or property, you can tell the NDIS Commission:

- Call: 1800 03 55 44 (free call from a landline)
- Go to their website: www.ndiscommission.gov.au

Section 3: Working with you

Communicating with you	
	Your voice is essential to us
<b>İ</b> Tİ	Please <b>speak</b> to us and <b>tell us</b> what you want or what we need to change.
	Tell us how <b>best to connect</b> with you.
	Let us know if you need an <b>interpreter</b> – Auslan, language
	Do you want us to send an email?
	Is phoning you the best?
	We will record what you tell us and let our staff know what you want.

Tell us if you are interested in giving our management team regular feedback to improve our service
Our contact information:
Bookings: 0732626009
(making and cancelling)
Accounts: 0732626009
Feedback: 0732626009
(positive and negative)
Other: 0732626009
Remember, your input and voice are essential to us providing your support.

## **Section 4: Child Safe Standards**

Child Safe Standards	
Standard 1	All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd must make your safety our number one priority
	<ul> <li>We do this by:</li> <li>letting everyone know we are a child-safe place</li> <li>always thinking about child safety risks</li> <li>putting plans in place to manage safety risks.</li> </ul>
	Our staff must undergo special Working with Children Checks and NDIS checks to keep you safe.
	Our staff are trained to:  • help you if you feel unsafe  • be responsible for your safety

	follow our rules.
Standard	
2	Children are encouraged to speak up and are believed
	We want to hear what you have to say.
	We want you to tell us about the things:
	<ul><li>you want and like</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>you do not want and do not like.</li> </ul>
	We want you to tell us if you have
	been hurt or feel unsafe or scared.
	You can tell us about <b>your worries</b> .
	We will always listen to you.
	We will <b>help you</b> and keep you safe.

Standard 3	We work with your family and community to support you
	We understand that your family and community are important.  We work with them to help you.
	We share information with you and your family about your care and safety.  We involve you and your family in important decisions about your care and safety.
?	We ask your family and the community to tell us how we can improve how we keep you safe.
	We always listen to what they have to say.

We make changes to our
organisation based on their
suggestions.

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We provide you with opportunities to reach your full potential.



We want you to:

- feel proud of your culture and family background
- always be treated fairly
- always feel included



We want you to tell us about your cultural differences.

We will **pay attention** to your **cultural needs** and always treat you fairly.



We will always provide you with:

- support
- information about things that are important to you
- ways to complain about the support you receive

**	We want you to participate in and enjoy our services and activities.
Standard 5	We select suitable staff, and we support them.
	<ul> <li>We want you to know you:</li> <li>are safe with our staff</li> <li>we care about you</li> <li>you can trust us</li> <li>can tell us about anything that upsets or scares you.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>To keep you safe, our staff:</li> <li>understand that keeping children safe is important</li> <li>have been approved to work with children.</li> </ul>
	We train all of our new staff:  • in their child safety responsibilities

	• in our <b>child safety rules</b>
	<ul> <li>to understand how we focus on child safety.</li> </ul>
8-8	We supervise our staff to help make sure they are:  • following the safety rules  • taking the right steps to keep you safe.
<b>Ļ</b>	We provide our staff with regular child safety training updates.
Standard 6	Children are always our priority when we respond to complaints of child abuse.
	<ul> <li>We want you to know that we:</li> <li>want you to speak up about anything that is worrying you</li> <li>will look after you and keep you safe</li> <li>will take action to fix your problem.</li> </ul>

Participant Handbook

All About Kids Australia Pty Ltd takes complaints seriously. We use them to learn and improve the way we do things.
Our staff are trained to handle and respond to complaints, including child safety complaints.
We manage all complaints quickly.  We tell everyone involved how we will fix the problem.  We will then act to fix the problem.
We want you to tell us if you:  • are unhappy  • feel unsafe or scared  • have been hurt in any way.
You will <b>never get into trouble</b> for <b>telling us how you feel</b> or about something that has happened to you.

	If someone hurts you, we might need to tell someone else so they can protect and help you.  We might need to tell the police, Child Safety or the NDIS Commission.
Standard 7	We build the skills, abilities and confidence of our staff.
	Our staff have been trained in ways to keep you safe and protect you.
	If you are hurt, our staff know who to tell to get you the help you need.

Standard 8	All About Kids has identified and removed online and physical risks to keep you safe.
	We understand that you have the right to privacy.  We want you to be able to try new things in new places.
M	We want you to tell us about the things that make you feel safe or unsafe when you visit us.
٦	If you <b>go online</b> , we want you to tell us if things <b>do not feel safe or make</b> you feel bad.
	To keep you safe, we think and talk about all the things that could happen that might hurt you when you work with us.

	To protect you, we will change things that are unsafe or could hurt you.  We supervise our staff to check they follow our rules to keep you safe.
	We will always listen to your worries if you feel unsafe.  We will make changes so that you do feel safe.
Standard 9	We continuously try to improve our child safety practices.
	We always look at the ways we are keeping you safe.  We always try to improve the ways we keep you safe.

	<ul> <li>Improve child safety, we:</li> <li>Iearn from our mistakes</li> <li>Iisten to feedback and complaints</li> <li>make changes to fix the mistakes and complaints.</li> </ul>
× = x = x = x = x = x = x = x = x = x =	<ul> <li>Our Owner's job is to:</li> <li>review how we keep you safe</li> <li>find ways to improve child safety.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Owner makes sure we make</li> <li>things better by:</li> <li>fixing our policies and rules</li> <li>updating our rules</li> <li>training our staff in new steps to keep you safe.</li> </ul>
Standard 10:	Our policies and procedures are supported by our leaders and understood by all staff members.

<b>—</b>	Our <b>policies and procedures</b> are our <b>rules</b> to keep you safe.  These rules are based on the Child Safety Standards.
	Our policies and procedures tell our staff the following:  • rules they must follow  • things they must do to keep you safe.
	We want you and your family to tell us how we could improve our rules.
	If you do not feel that we are keeping you safe, then call the Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Youth Helpline 1300 13 17 19